



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Kennedy
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Title: REMOTE INDICIA READING SYSTEM
Examiner: Kim, Ahshik Group Art Unit: 2876

RESPONSE TO REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance, the Examiner indicated that the claims were allowed because the prior art does not teach or suggest a remote indicia reading system "comprising a cover member separate from the indicia."

Applicant wishes to point out that none of the claims require a cover member that is *separate from* the indicia. Rather, in regard to the independent claims:

Claims 9 and 23 call for a cover that is "separable and removable from" a reflective medium; and

Claims 10, 25, 26 and 28 do not call for a cover.

Respectfully submitted,

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